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1. The majority of the delivered Soviet aircraft, with regard to the restrictive stipulations of the peace treaty, were stored at the airfields of DOBRICH (R 53/54/K 04), TELISH (B 2/G 12), GORNA ORKHOVITSA (B 3/N 39) and DOLNA MITROPOLIA (B 2/G 34). They were parked in hangars and covered with tarpaulins, and were checked once a month by technical personnel. No other person had access to them. About 40 Yak-9s were parked at the TELISH field in late 1946 and IL-2s at the DOLNA MITROPOLIA field.
2. A protest of the Allied signatory powers to the Bulgarian peace treaty was made public about January 1947. In this note, Bulgaria was reproached with a breach of the military stipulations of the peace treaty. The Bulgarian Minister of Defense, at a press conference, asserted that Bulgaria had fulfilled these stipulations. Anticipating a possible investigation by an Allied Control Commission, an undetermined number of Soviet planes were transferred to Yugoslavia. They took off from DOBRICH, TELISH, DOLNA MITROPOLIA, GRAF-IGNATIEVO (B 12/A 41), BALCHIK (B 6/K 32) and YAMBOL (B 14/B 93) airfields. In air force circles it was said that these planes were transferred to NISH (Y 39/K 24), SKOPLJE (Y 49/C 70), and BELGRADE. It was not known whether they were later returned to Bulgaria.

Comment:

The report supplements another. No other information has been received on Soviet aircraft deliveries to Bulgaria.

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Relative to the alleged transfer of the delivered aircraft to Yugoslavia, reference is made to the Comment of the previous report.

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